

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A writing instrument comprising:
 - a substantially tubular body including a first and second end;
 - at least one writing tip associated with the first end;
 - a receptacle integrally formed within the second end, the receptacle including a retaining portion;
 - a removable auxiliary module including a securing portion, the removable auxiliary module adapted to be secured within the receptacle by the cooperation of the retaining portion and the securing portion; and
 - an auxiliary module cap adapted to engage both the second end adjacent to the retaining and securing portions and the first end adjacent to the writing tip.
2. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the writing tip is retractably positioned within the first end and rotatable between a first extended position and a second stored position.
3. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the securing portion is a flexible projection extending from an external surface of the removable auxiliary module and engaging the complimentary retaining portion.
4. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the securing portion is a projection extending from an external surface of the removable auxiliary module and engaging an L-shaped track defining the retaining portion.
5. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the removable auxiliary module is a transfer tape dispensing module.

6. The writing instrument of claim 5, wherein correction tape dispensing module further comprises:
a tape dispensing reel;
a take-up reel; and
a differential belt rotatably connected between the tape dispensing reel and the take-up reel.
7. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the removable auxiliary module is a fountain pen including a nib and an ink reservoir.
8. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the removable auxiliary module is a tape-flag dispenser.
9. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the removable auxiliary module is a fluid dispensing marker.
10. The writing instrument of claim 1, wherein the auxiliary module cap further includes a data entry tip.

11. A modular writing instrument comprising:
 - a pen body including a first end;
 - a writing tip positioned within the first end and rotatable between a first extended position and a second retracted position;
 - a receptacle positioned within the pen body distal to the writing tip;
 - an auxiliary module adapted to be removably received within the receptacle, the auxiliary module including a module body having an applicator tip and a locking means; and
 - a module cap adapted to engage the pen body at a first position located adjacent to the locking means and at a second position located adjacent to the writing tip.
12. The modular writing instrument of claim 11, wherein the writing tip is an ink pen.
13. The modular writing instrument of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary module is a correction tape dispenser.
14. The modular writing instrument of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary module is a fluid dispensing device.
15. The modular writing instrument of claim 14, wherein the fluid dispensing device is a highlighter.
16. The modular writing instrument of claim 14, wherein the fluid dispensing device includes a fiber tip for dispensing fluid.
17. The modular writing instrument of claim 11, wherein the auxiliary module is a fountain pen.

18. A method of applying to a semi-flexible substrate a first material and a second material comprising;
providing a writing instrument having a tubular body that includes a deployable writing tip for dispensing a first material at a first end of the tubular body;
providing a receptacle at a second end of the tubular body;
providing a removable auxiliary module including a locking mechanism adapted to removably secure the auxiliary module within the receptacle, the auxiliary module including a first end having a tip for applying the second material;
securing a module cap to the first end of the auxiliary module and adjacent to the locking mechanism;
placing the deployable writing tip in contact with the substrate to apply the first material to the substrate;
removing the module cap from the auxiliary module first end;
securing the module cap to the first end of the tubular body adjacent to the deployable writing tip; and
placing the auxiliary module tip in contact with the substrate to apply the second material to the substrate.
19. The method of claim 19, wherein providing the removable auxiliary module includes providing a correction tape dispenser having a dispensing reel, a take-up reel and a band rotatably connected therebetween and wherein the second material comprises a correction tape material.